

# IRISH ANGLING UPDATE

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- Some good Salmon fishing along with Sea Trout reported from Lough Currane.
- Very good Trout fishing reported from Lough O'Flynn in Co. Roscommon.
- Gerry Dixon, Oughterard wins the 74<sup>th</sup> National Trout Fly fishing competition on Lough Owel.
- Top US lady Anglers visit Pontoon in Co. Mayo.
- Good run of Grilse reported from the River Drowes in Co. Donegal.
- Good catches of Bream reported for groups of English anglers fishing out from Melview Lodge in Longford.
- Good Tench fishing reported from Shannonbridge.
- Nottingham angler Keith Greensmith wins the Stena Challenge on Lough Gowna.
- Matthew Murray, Dublin wins our Catch of the Month with a 64 lbs. Tope in Dundalk Bay.
- Jan de Graaf from Holland catches the first Blue Shark of the season at Kinsale after catching the first Blue Shark of the season in Ireland ten years ago in 1997 !!!

## **GAME ANGLING**

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Written by Marc O'Regan

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Unfortunately it is only now that I have the opportunity to write up the reports on trout fishing since the beginning of May. The May fly was early this year with Derg first off the mark followed by Ree and then the great Western lakes. For a pleasant change the wind throughout was coming from the West and SW however it was still quite cold given the direction. The early start to the May fly caught pre booked anglers by surprise and some missed the occasion completely, excellent weather in April advanced the hatch and the fly was early by at least 10 days.

Our outstanding catch for the May fly was that of Bill Holmes from Matlock Derbyshire with a beautiful fish weighing 7 lbs and 10 ozs caught on an emerger called the " Wet Retriever" one of his own patterns. Bill won fish of the week for the 3rd time with this fish he is truly an outstanding angler.

The May fly on the Boyne was a one day wonder at least this is what was reported by the Trim and Athboy club, I was away during this period so cannot verify this. I can report that the BWO is hatching strong as I write and that the visiting anglers are having some good fishing.

Bryan Inger from Northamptonshire England had some nice browns to 14 inches and most recently Prof. Richard Hoffman had a good days fishing with dry fly and emergers. Richard is a professor of Natural History at York university Toronto Canada, his expertise in his faculty extends to and compliments his abilities at the business end of the fly rod with precise casting and excellent hook ups.

I should mention that sedge hatches on the Boyne at present are slow it is probably a bit early for them.

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From Eureka Lodge, Caherdaniel, angling guide Vincent Appleby reports on the past week's fishing trends on the **LOUGH CURRANE** system:

**4/6/07** there were some nice Sea Trout caught on Lough Currane today and first in the striking zone was Mr David O'Hagan who caught two Sea Trout on the troll in the 2 lbs./0.91 kgs. Class, and just for the record David caught 14 Sea Trout over the Bank Holliday and all were returned, Mr Roger Simpson caught Three Sea trout and one Brown Trout in the 1.5 lbs./0.68 kgs. class, all Anglers were fishing out of [www.lakelandshouse.com](http://www.lakelandshouse.com) also in good form today was Mr Steven Galvan of Cork who caught two Sea Trout in the 2.5 lbs./1.14kgs class and last but not least I caught a fine paparazzi Sea Trout of 2.5 lbs./1.14kgs.caught on the fly. On Loch Namona, an angler caught a fine Sea Trout in the 2 lbs./0.91kgs class. Wind NNE light bright and sunny without a cloud in site.

**5/6/07** Lough Currane was mainly quiet but it was a different story on the Commeragh River, where Nigel and Travis Gough caught four Salmon ranging from 6 lbs./2.73 kgs. up to 9 lbs./4.09 kgs. and added five Sea Trout in the 2.5/1.14kgs class to their catch and just for the record they were guided by their Gillie Mr Mike O'Dwyer and his clients were fishing out of [www.lakelandshouse.com](http://www.lakelandshouse.com) Wind variable light to calm with bright sun shine and I will say one thing the sun was certainly shining on Mike O'Dwyer and his party and as Mike said to me when he reported this fine catch join the professionals.

**6/6/07** little to no wind and very warm and sunny and my noble Fly fisher didn't have much of a chance and if he or she did catch my noble Sea Trout, good luck to them. Max air temperature 23C/73F. 7/6/07 The weather, the same as yesterday, but at least one Angler Mr Nigel Gough fishing out [www.lakelandshouse.com](http://www.lakelandshouse.com) caught a Sea Trout of 2 lbs./0.91kgs and I am sure there were would have been a few more caught by other anglers but nothing to write home about.

**8/6/07** Again blazing sunshine without hardly a cloud in site, max air temperature 22C/71F and it seemed much hotter than that. Wind SE light all day but at least my Noble Fisher has a good excuse in not procuring my Noble Salmon or Sea Trout, but Mr Tim Gleeson doesn't need excuses because he caught himself a fine Sea Trout of 2 lbs./0.91 kgs. and in the evening one of our noble Cork Anglers caught a Sea trout of 2.5 lbs./1.14 kgs. so to all you Anglers who are always complaining and making excuses, if you put in the time, Lough Currane will come up with the goods and if it doesn't, you didn't try hard enough.

**9/6/07** There was some good action on Lough Currane today in the Grilse department first in the striking zone was Mr Timmermans of Holland caught two Grilse in 5 lbs./2.27 kgs. class, next in the striking zone was Mr Tim Gleeson fishing with his gillie Mr Mike O'Dwyer, they lost three Grilse on the troll and to top it all, lost a good Salmon on the fly but finished the day off with a fine Sea Trout of 2.5 lbs./1.14 Kgs. I know a Sea Trout doesn't make up for their losses but at least they saw action. Wind SE light to fresh, max air temperature 77F/25C cloudy but plenty of sun breaking through.

**10/6/07** Mr John Murphy our Manager of the Waterville Fishery and @ [www.loughcurrane.com](http://www.loughcurrane.com) reported to me that there were a few Sea trout caught on the drift but no real lunkers. Over cast, even though there was plenty of sun breaking through and very hot and humid max temperature

25.7C/78F wind S light to fresh. That is all the news from your Gillie and the Waterville Fishery. No Spin No Fly's just Facts.

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**Berni Kelleher** reports:

**10<sup>th</sup> JUNE OF 2007.**

### **RIVER LAUNE BEATS 1 AND 2**

No catches to report.

### **KILLARNEY LAKES**

No catches to report due to low water levels.

### **RIVER LEE**

17 fish reported caught mainly at the weir all on shrimp.

### **ILEN RIVER**

1 fish caught on Saturday weighing 7 lbs. on the spinner.

### **RIVER BANDON**

5 fish caught on the river with the biggest fish weighing in at 11 ½ lbs. all caught on shrimp.

### **LAUNE ANGLERS WATERS**

Angling effort up considerably because of improved water conditions. There were two fish reported for the week one on Wednesday and one on Friday both fish were caught on Laune Anglers' Waters.

Water has remained well up all the week but taking the good water and notwithstanding the very fine weather more fish should have been encountered.

Most people had given up by Saturday and angling effort was reduced.

I have now fished the Laune 15 times from the start of the season and I have not had a pull yet.

My first cousin visiting from Boston was fishing for the week and he failed to meet a fish.

**Item of interest:** I saw a dead Lamprey Eel on the bank of the river which had been partially eaten by an otter presumably, this is the first time I have seen one of these in years. (Report from Billy Downs, Hon. Secretary of the Laune anglers).

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**June 13th, 2007**

## **UPPER SHANNON**

### **LOUGH SHEELIN**

While late in the year, there were good hatches of Mayfly on Sheelin with spent most evenings. However there were poor returns with only a small rise of fish taking the fly. Eamon Connors from Drumconrath had three trout averaging 2 lbs. Michael Kelly had 5 fish in the past few weeks, best fish 2 lbs.

Contact Thomas Lynch L.S.T.P.A. Mobile: 087 9132033 or logon to the L.S.T.P.A website <http://www.loughsheelinanglers.ie/> for information on local competitions and other upcoming news.

**For local updates contact Mr Sean Gurhy, Assistant Fisheries Inspector Lough Sheelin Tel: 049 4336144**

### **LOUGH O'FLYNN & UPPER RIVER SUCK**

Fishing conditions were not conducive to good angling. Anglers who resorted to fishing fast sink fly lines were successful. The Garvey Cup was fished for last Sunday. 30 anglers took part. 30 fish were weighed in. It was fished on a boat basis, two anglers per boat. The winners were

- **1st Place:** Boat - Michael Mc Dermott and Derek Madden with 12 fish for 14 lbs.
- **2nd Place:** Fethen Mc Morrow and son had 10 fish for 11.5 lbs.
- **3rd Place:** Anthony Baggott and Declan Mc Goldrick had 4 fish for 6.5 lbs.

The next outing on O'Flynn is for the Malone Cup on July 22nd.

**For updates contact John Ryan, Assistant Fisheries Inspector Co Roscommon at 087 2536064.**

## **MID SHANNON AREA**

### **LOUGH OWEL**

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## **I.T.F.F.A..**

Last Saturday the Irish Trout Fly Fishing Association held their 74th National Qualifier on Lough Owel. It was hosted by Lough Owel trout Preservation Association with permission from the ShRFB. It was a blinding success to say

the least, with light winds and blistering sunshine. Still when you put the cream of Ireland's fly anglers on a lake they will produce fish regardless of the conditions. Fishing was from 10-30 am – 6 pm, and from early morning anglers from all over Ireland arrived to Tullaghan and checked in at the new Angling Centre where the ShRFB laid on tea and coffee for all. There was an fantastic buss around Tullaghan and it was a sight to behold to see over sixty boats tipping out behind the flag boat, which was manned by Chris Mc Keown and Ollie Dooner. Early reports from the morning session were good with some good keepers being landed. There was a 13 inch size limit in place for the competition and a lot of fish fell short of this size. Still by the 6 pm finish some nice trout were weighed in. Naturally numbers of fish caught were down as the conditions were very difficult for fly fishing. Still as I mingled with the competitors at the end I still heard the famous stories of the ones that got away. Anyway the weigh-in took place at the Angling Centre and it certainly was a close call for the top ten anglers who will represent Ireland in 2008. The 2007 National Champion was Gerry Dixon from Oughterard, Co Galway with two fish weighing 3 lbs., Gerry received the National Championship Perpetual Cup. In second place was another Western angler Mike Keady also two fish weighing 2 lbs. 15 lbs., 3<sup>rd</sup> was Owennabue club member S. O'Reilly. The heaviest fish of the National was caught by Lough Sheelin angler Kenneth O'Keefe this fish weighed 2 lbs. 8 oz. The top local angler was Mullingar Auctioneer Andy Duncan. Andy finished tenth over all and once again takes in place on the Irish International Fly Fishing team. While the I.T.F.F.A officials were tallying up the weights the ShRFB CEO Eamon Cusack addressed the large turn out of anglers. He was delighted to see the 74th National being fished on Owel. The ShRFB. have a lot of plans on line for Lough Owel and with an extensive stocking plan in place and the New Angling Centre open, Lough Owel will be one of the best managed lakes in Ireland. Michael Callaghan I.T.F.F.A. Hon Secretary also had a few words to say prior to the results being announced. Michael thanked the ShRFB. for allowing the event to be held on Owel and L.O.T.P.A. for hosting the event. The boatmen who are nicely coloured now for the coming summer months. Michael paid tribute to Eamon Cusack and his Officers in the ShRFB. The work and lay out of the new Angling Centre is out of this world. It is a fantastic facility for anglers. Another speaker at the weigh-in was Greg White P.R.O. of the I.T.F.F.A. Greg had some exciting news regarding sponsorship for the I.T.F.F.A members. There was a lot in this and to give it a good mention we will hold back till next week. On Sunday night the presentation of prizes took place in the Greville Arms Hotel. More on the 74th National week.

## **JET SKIS ON ENNELL....**

We received some calls over the weekend regarding Jet skies on Ennell. Westmeath County Council have placed signs on all Midland lakes regarding these water craft. The use of personal Watercraft (Jet Skis) is prohibited on Lough Ennell. This Bye Laws came in 2006 and is covered by the Maritime Safety Act 2005. Lake users who come across jet ski users on our local lakes should contact Westmeath County Council. Fines of up to €2000.00 may be imposed.

## **ATHLONE ANGLERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

report courtesy of Eamon Cunningham P.R.O. Athlone Anglers Association

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### **SHANNON CLEANUP DAY....**

The Shannon clean up day last Saturday was a great success with anglers from all the local clubs taking part and up to a hundred bags of rubbish was removed from the river bank not to mention various bicycles, prams and buggies etc. A big thank you to everyone who helped out and it is hoped to carry out a similar exercise in early September in order to maintain the river. The judging for the Tidy Towns Competition is coming up shortly so hopefully all the hard work will pay dividends and the town will score well.

### **LOUGH DERRAVARAGH.**

**For general updates contact Pat Mc Donnell, Fisheries Officer Shannon Regional Fisheries Board Mullingar Office Tel: 044 48769**

### **LOUGH ACALLA CO GALWAY**

Anglers reported good fishing on Lough Acalla, best times morning and evening. There were no fish caught during the day due to the bright sunshine. This brought on better fly hatches in the evening time and better rise of fish compared to the previous week. On average 10 to 12 anglers fished daily. G Martin Ballinasloe had the best reported fish at 4.5 lbs. caught on a Peter Ross. M Bradley, Ballinasloe had two rainbow trout - 1.5 lbs to 2 lbs. on Green Olives. Prospects for the coming week are good.

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**Kevin Crowley** reports:

### **GALWAY WEIR**

For the second year in a row the grilse appear to be late this year, and very few fish are showing in the river. There were 5 salmon caught for the week, with Westmeath man Liam Dunne having the best sport, landing 2 fish of 9 lbs. and 9.5 lbs. on fly on the 6th, one of which was released. James Ryan had a small grilse on fly on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and on the 12<sup>th</sup> Michael Leonard from Dublin had a small grilse on shrimp, followed by former fishery manager Ned Cusack, who had a 7-pounder, also on shrimp.

With perfect water levels for fly fishing we await the grilse run with anticipation...

### **LOUGH MASK**

Extremely hot and bright conditions meant angling effort was very low on all the lakes this week, and angling reports are sparse. Trout on Mask were feeding on small upwinged flies and pinhead fry near the surface, but proved hard to tempt. Very few boats were out, with most of those trolling instead of fly fishing. Among those to catch fish were Tom O'Dowd who had 2 fish to 1.75 lbs., and Mr. Brennan from Dublin, who had a nice 2.5 lbs. fish on the troll.

The new map and angling guide to Lough Mask is now available from the Western Regional Fisheries Board. The map has detailed information on flies, hatches, drifts and fishing areas, and will be a very useful guide for anyone new to the lake, indeed to anyone who fishes the lake. The map costs 4 euros plus postage, and can be ordered from the board at the following address: Weir Lodge, Earl's Island, Galway, or email [info@wrfb.ie](mailto:info@wrfb.ie)

### **LOUGH CORRIB**

Corrib was very quiet this week, with weather conditions putting anglers off. No reports were received from the lake, but evening buzzer hatches in some bays should be bring fish to the surface. Fishing very late in the evening in this weather is most productive.

### **LOUGH CARRA**

Very quiet also on Carra this week, with very few boats out. Some fish were feeding on small upwinged flies such as *Caenis*, and sedges hatching in the late evening. Mr. Nick Grant had a fine fish of 2 lbs 10 oz on dry fly, otherwise there was little to report.

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**Markus Muller** reports:

**W/e 10 June, 2007**

### **River Moy**

The extremely dry and sunny weather conditions impacted on the fishing over the past week, with only **79** salmon reported for the Moy system.

On the Moy Fishery, fourteen year old James Hewson, Ballina, had a fine 8.56 lbs. salmon on the fly on the Weir Pool. Also on the Weir Pool, German visitor, Rene Gehringer landed a salmon at 4.75 lbs.

On Mount Falcon, Geoff Hogman, US, took a fish of 9 lbs. on a spinner and Jim Irons, UK, had two at 4 lbs. & 6.25 lbs. on the prawn. On Coolcronan, Keith Tolley had 2 fish (8 lbs. & 9 lbs.) and Mick Hodges, UK, a long time visitor to the fishery, took a salmon weighing 8 lbs. Gannon's also reported some good fishing with Pirmin Bucher, Switzerland, catching two fine salmon (10 lbs. each) on the prawn. On Rinanne, Horst & Juergen Babal, Germany, caught one salmon each (9 lbs. & 10.5 lbs.) on the prawn and Paul Verner, Northern Ireland, had one at 10.5 lbs. on the worm.

Further up river, the Cloongee Fishery produced 8 fish for the week including a 6 lbs. salmon for Torwalt Berger from Germany. On the East Mayo anglers Association water, Marc Tromme, Belgium, had one fish at 7 lbs. on the worm, his countryman, Claude Grosteau also got one (4 lbs.) on the worm and Austrian angler, Christian Menahaer, landed a small 3 lbs. salmon on the fly.

### **Moy Estuary**

At present the Moy estuary is full of white bait followed by shoals of small mackerel and consequently there was a good show of sea trout during the week.

Gavin Fitzpatrick and 2 friends, Dublin, fishing with Judd Ruane had 7 good trout on mackerel strip. Several other good sea trout were reported by anglers for the past week and with a good stock of sea trout building up in the estuary prospects for the coming weeks are looking good.

### **Ballin Lough**

A total of 21 rods fished the Lake during the week with 15 trout caught, 8 of which were released.

Amongst the successful anglers were P. Blaney & friend with 4 rainbow trout (3 released), best at 3 lbs., Neill Taylor & friend with 2 rainbows, best at 2 lbs. and Martin Walsh & friend who caught 2 rainbows and one brown trout, best at 2.5 lbs. The most successful flies for the week were Octopus, Silver Butcher and Muddler patterns.

### **Lough Conn**

Despite the very sunny and calm conditions anglers who ventured out reported some good catches during the week with an estimated 60 trout caught by approximately 80 anglers in 170 rod days.

Dr. Richfield, UK, a guest of Pontoon Bridge Hotel, took 3 trout for 4 lbs., best at 1.5 lbs. Andrew Dell, also UK, had 2 trout for 3 lbs. on dry mayflies and his countryman, Mark Arnold, caught one trout just over 1 lbs. on a Royal Wulff. The Vilunaff party of 4 Dutch anglers who were staying at Healy's Hotel had two trout each, all around the 1 lbs. mark.

At Cloghans, William Gates, UK, and his party of four anglers had one trout each (all around 1 lbs.) while Rory Jones, Wales, had 5 fish for 7 lbs. (best at 1.5 lbs.) over 2 days. Mike Ryan and his friend, both from Clare, had 3 trout for 4 lbs. on a Sooty Olive and the Green Peter and Mary Hardy, Kilkenny took 2 for 2.5 lbs. on a Grey Wulff. Elsewhere, Gareth Edwards, Wales, and two friends caught 8 trout over 2 evenings on dry fly patterns.

An international gathering of lady anglers from England, Wales, Scotland and the US took place on Lough Conn during the week. Twenty ladies competed in the event and Beth Morrison from the US came 1<sup>st</sup> with 4 trout for 5 lbs.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Top US Lady Anglers Visit Pontoon**

A group of sixteen top lady fly fishers from the USA sampled the angling delights of North Mayo when they spent four days recently at Pontoon Bridge Hotel. The group, who are members of the International Womens Fly Fishers, came together for what was termed "A Gathering of Women Fly Fishers". They were led by Ms. Podge Kleinhauf who does most of her fly fishing in Alaska. Podge was joined by top lady anglers from all over the USA for the visit to Mayo which arose from longstanding contacts between Ms. Kleinhauf and Ann Geary, proprietor of Pontoon Bridge Hotel.

During the visit, the US ladies spent their time fishing Lough Conn and the River Moy where they alternated between the famed Ridge Pool in Ballina and the Cloongee Fishery near Foxford. At a dinner in Pontoon Bridge Hotel to mark the occasion, Mr. John Walkin, Chairman, North Western Regional Fisheries Board, welcomed the visitors on behalf of his Board. He said the Board was very pleased to support the visit as it had a policy of actively supporting the development of ladies' angling. Mr. Walkin highlighted the fact that the visit coincided with the commencement of direct flights to Ireland West Airport, Knock, from both New York and Boston, and said that direct access to the Moy catchment provided a marvellous opportunity to attract more US anglers to the region. He said that following a recent meeting with the Chairman and CEO of Failte Ireland West, representatives of his Board hoped to meet in the near future with the Chairman and CEO of Ireland West Airport to examine the potential for increased angling tourism business from the US to the West of Ireland. Addressing the visiting ladies, Mr. Walkin spoke of the wide variety of angling available in the area. He said apart from the world famous River Moy which produced an average of almost 8,000 salmon to the rod annually, and the great western lakes which are famed for brown trout fishing, the region had a huge variety of other fishing to offer. The Fisheries Chairman said the region not only had many other excellent salmon rivers but also had a wide variety of smaller rivers and lakes containing good stocks of brown trout. In addition, quality sea trout fishing was still available on the Moy Estuary and on Carrowmore Lake while the entire coastal area of the west and north west offered excellent sea angling from both boat and shore.

Welcoming representatives of the Irish, Welsh and Scottish International ladies fly fishing organisations to the Pontoon Bridge Hotel. Mr Walkin suggested that the time was now opportune for the established national bodies to enter into meaningful discussions toward the establishment of a world ladies fly fishing organisation.

**Ballisodare River, L Arrow and other Sligo & Leitrim Fisheries**

The Ballisodare fishery reported a total of 24 salmon for the week, 22 of which were released. J. Wilson, Northern Ireland, had the best fish of the week with a fine 10 lbs. salmon taken on a Prawn. Whereas local angler, Albert Shaw, had a salmon at 5 lbs. on a shrimp fly.

Again, there was very little angling activity on Lough Arrow over the week due to the sunny conditions. However, local angler, David Gray, had 2 fine brown trout at 3 lbs. & 2.5 lbs. He was fishing well into darkness and took his fish on a dry Murrough close to midnight. Elsewhere, John Kelly, Athlone, landed a fish at 2 lbs. on a wet fly.

Anglers have also reported some good fishing on Lough Doon where a party of four French anglers led by Thomas Patrice enjoyed a good days sport. J. Wilson who already was successful on the "Butt" at Ballisodare also reported two trout from Lough Doon. Similar to last week, any of the regular black pattern flies are proving successful on this small wild fishery.

The Riverstown Junior Anglers had an outing on Lough Bo on Saturday, 9 June. A total of 47 young boys and girls took part in the event with some of the youngsters were catching good numbers of trout: Jason Scott had 2 rainbow trout at 1.2 lbs & 2.3 lbs., Joseph Burns also landed two rainbows both weighing 1 lbs. Christopher McGann caught a brown trout at 0.7 lbs. and a rainbow trout weighing 2.4 lbs and Connor Baker & Aine Burns had a brown trout each (1.2 lbs. & 0.9 lbs.)

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**Lynsey Clarke** reports: (Two week Reports)

### **RIVER DROWES – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**

With the hot sunny weather the Drowes is running at low summer levels and angling conditions have been far from ideal. As a result, few rods were fishing over the week and as a consequence there is not too much to report. There were some salmon caught however despite the sweltering conditions. On Saturday, George McAteer and Jim English recorded a grilse apiece caught on the shrimp. The fish weighed 4 & 5 lbs. On Sunday, Gary Morrow accounted for a small grilse of 2½ lb.

### **RIVER DROWES – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007.**

Water levels on the Drowes were fairly low for the week though the fishery is still receiving great runs of salmon. The grilse arrived this week with a number of 3 to 4 lbs. salmon recorded. The fishery was fairly quiet. The majority of rods fishing were those renting the Lareen Fishery Cottages with few day visitors. Despite low angling pressure, there were good numbers of salmon recorded for the week. Davy McDowell recorded 3 grilse caught from Thursday to Sunday. The fish weighed 4, 4 & 6 lbs. and were all caught on shrimp.

Stephen Motes accounted for 3 grilse weighing 3, 3½ & 4 lbs. all caught on the fly (shrimp fly). Tom White recorded an 8lb salmon which he sportingly returned. Marty King accounted for a 6½ lbs. grilse caught on a prawn from the Washstones and Jim Atkinson recorded a 7 lbs. fish caught on the fly.

#### **LOUGH MELVIN – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**

Lough Melvin was fairly quiet this week once again due to the bright, sunny, hot and mainly still weather. Few anglers ventured out. There are mayfly hatching in reasonable numbers and fish moving to them but we need some overcast and breezy days to lift the fishing.

Garrison Anglers held a boat club competition over the weekend. This was won by Freddy Steel & Niall Crumey with 5 fish. In second place were father & son team, Sean Maguire and Darren Maguire with 4 fish and in third place went to Kevin Bradley with 2 fish.

#### **ESKE FISHERY - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**

Water levels on the Eske Fishery were fairly good on Monday but fell over the week to low summer levels by Sunday. The weather was very bright and still which was not conducive to game angling. Seven visiting Portuguese rods fished on Sunday, 5 on the Lough and 2 on the River accounting for a number of brown trout.

#### **ESKE FISHERY - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007.**

Water levels on the Eske were fair on Monday but dropped to low levels by Wednesday and remained low until a good flood on Sunday. The fishery was quiet however with no visiting rods fishing for the week.

#### **EANY FISHERY - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**

The story was the same on the Eany with low water levels for the week and very bright and hot conditions. As a result there were no visiting rods fishing.

#### **EANY FISHERY - To Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007.**

It is still early in the season on the Eany Fishery and there has been few rods fishing to date. There was some nice water over the weekend which led to a number of salmon ascending the fishery. The first salmon of the season was caught on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of last month by local angler Gary McHugh. The fish weighed 11 lbs. and was caught from the Devlin Pool on a spinner. At the time of writing the weather is dry and the sun bright and hot. We hope some more rain comes our way!

#### **OWENEA FISHERY - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**

There was a reasonable flood (0.30 m) on Monday but the river fell rapidly to run at low summer levels for the rest of the week. The low gauge average for the week read 0.14 metres. Only one visiting rod fished for the week. On

Monday, P. J. McNeelis recorded a salmon of 7 lbs. caught from beat 8 on the spinner.

### **OWENEA FISHERY - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2007.**

The Owenea ran at very low levels all week until a slight lift on Saturday and a good flood (0.48m) on Sunday. The gauge average for the week read 0.20 metres. There were only 7 visiting rods fishing for the week and surprisingly, none of these fished during the good water over the weekend. I have no records of fish caught this week as yet but details of a grilse caught on the 20<sup>th</sup> May by Maurice Kennedy. The fish weighed 4½ lbs. and was caught from beat 6 on a spinner.

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**Lionel Knobbs**, Loughs Agency Angling Manager reports:

### **NATIONAL ANGLING GUIDE CERTIFICATE**

The Loughs Agency is offering the opportunity to obtain the National Angling Guide Certificate (a level 3 qualification accredited by the Open College Network Northern Ireland). This will be available for the disciplines of either pike or game fishing.

Training involves written exams and practical assessment. Assessment is weighted in favour of the practical skills but it is mandatory to have achieved a pass standard in all elements, including First Aid, in order to achieve qualification. Candidates who do not achieve the minimum requirement in one or other of the assessments will have the opportunity to be reassessed in whole or in part.

The course comprises:

- history of pike/game angling
- risk assessment
- first aid
- weather effects
- tackle
- safety
- boat handling
- child protection
- topography and hydrology
- fresh water ecology and entomology
- fish biology
- fishing in rivers and loughs
- angling legislation and the governing bodies.

The aim of this course is to produce an angling guide who is well informed and capable of delivering a safe and ethical guiding service for his/her client.

The training will be delivered in three units (Thursday to Sunday):- 20-23 September, 18-21 October and 22-25 November 2007 (dates to be confirmed).

The Loughs Agency is subsidising the cost of the training and the course is offered for a fee of £160 (€240). Cost of travel/overnight accommodation will be met by candidates.

Further information and an application form is available from the angling manager (Lionel Knobbs).

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Tele 028 7134 2100 (ROI 048 7134 2100).

### **COARSE ANGLING**

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**Brian McManus** reports:

<http://www.shannon-fisheryboard.ie/guides/coarse/fishing-reports.htm>

**June 13th, 2007**

#### **UPPER SHANNON**

##### **ShRFB Reports for the Upper Shannon Region**

Not much angling going on in the Upper Shannon Region. Reports received were generally patchy and inconsistent due to the very bright warm weather. We did receive one report. Kilnacarrow upstream of Lanesboro has been producing some large Bream as well quality Tench. Best fishing is in the late evening time. At Lanesboro itself, well patchy best describes the fishing locally. The power station has been off for a while for maintenance.

##### **Brian Bohan CHAFLYNNS COTTAGE MOHILL reports on angling in the upper Shannon region around MOHILL and CARRICK ON SHANNON**

Fishing was slow last week due to the hot days with no cloud cover. The best fishing was in the evening and early morning. Two Dublin anglers had a good early morning session with 11 Tench between them.

##### **Match results 27/05/2007 for Rynn Shannon and District Anglers Kiltybarden**

1st Brian Bohan – 9 lbs 13 oz

2nd Tony Varo – 9 lbs. 11 oz  
3rd Keith Johnson – 4 lbs. 12 oz

**Match results 10/06/2007 for Rynn Shannon and District Anglers  
Lough Rynn (sheep walk)**

1st Mick Moran – 1 lb 6 oz  
2nd John Cashin - 8oz  
3rd Brian Bohan - 6oz

**Upper Shannon Match Results  
Wednesday venue Loch Scur canal**

1st B Swift – 12 lbs. 10 oz.  
2nd C. Allen – 6 lbs. 5 oz.  
3rd C Cowley – 6 lbs. 3 oz.

**Friday evening Alan Hargreaves Trophy**

1st T. Allen – 12 lbs. 6 oz.  
2nd A. Turton – 10 lbs. 5 oz.  
3rd A Gregory – 8 lbs. 3 oz.

**Sunday Inter Club Match vs Killeshandra**

Upper Shannon – 46 lbs. 6 oz.  
Killeshandra – 35 lbs. 7 oz.  
individuals 1st Place: P Lee – 24 lbs. 6 oz.  
2nd: N Maguire – 24 lbs. 1 oz.  
3rd: B. Swift – 4 lbs. 11 oz.

**Next match Wednesday Houghtons shore Garadice**

**Kevin Lyons, MELVIEW LODGE GUESTHOUSE, Drumlish Road,  
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[info@melviewlodge.com](mailto:info@melviewlodge.com) Web: <http://www.melviewlodge.com> covering  
fisheries in the LONGFORD AREA and the STROKESTOWN LAKES**

Overall the fishing has been very patchy due to the very bright and on some days hot conditions, even some pre-baited swims failed to produce to their full potential. The best weight of the week was 120 lbs. between two anglers from Notts, At the time of writing this the weather has changed and the rain has arrived so hopefully we may see some better results in next weeks report. With the change in the weather I'm hoping it will be time for the Strokestown lakes to start producing, Lakes in and around Longford should also get more consistent.

Brian, John, Mick, Andy, Neil and Jim from Manchester are not new to the Ireland scene and this year from the start they were up against it due to the weather. They managed to catch Roach, hybrids and a few Bream, no big weights were recorded. However Niall was rewarded for his efforts on his last night with a great catch of 100 lbs. of Bream after pre-baiting a swim.

Mick and Bill also had problems with the bright and hot weather but did manage to catch fish most days, if not in the numbers they would have liked. Their best catch was 120 lbs between them on one of the days.

## **MID SHANNON AREA**

**The ShRFB reports for Ray Duthie Old Forge Banagher, Bait Stockist, Tackle and ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER Tel: 057 9151504. BANAGHER area this week.**

Generally fishing was mixed with some anglers doing well. Meelick is fishing in the afternoon - quality Roach. Contrary to expectations the stretch fished best in full afternoon sun. River Brosna is fishing from the mouth where it joins the canal upriver - hybrids, skimmers, Roach. Best methods stick float. Mickies pond is fishing quite well, best peg is the cut from the Shannon to the back water - good hybrids and skimmers and a few Tench. The hot water stretch at Shannonbridge is fishing quite well for Tench. The Boora lakes are producing quality Tench and Rudd.

## **ShRFB reports for the RIVER SUCK VALLEY - Mid River Suck**

Most of the fishing in the River Suck Valley has been fishing early mornings and late evenings. Three English anglers led by T Standford from Doncaster fished for three days around Mount Talbot and reported average daily bags of 20-25 lbs. Best bag was 30 lbs. of mixed fish with Bream to 3.5 lbs.

Bill Cassidy's angling school consisting mainly juniors and beginners had outings every Saturday in the Suck Valley. All had good fun catching up to a few kilos of fish in a session. There were two reports of local anglers catching quality Bream along sections of the River Suck.

**Further local info contact Mr John Ryan, Assistant Fisheries Inspector Tel: 094 96 40103 Mob: 087 2536064 and John Devaney, Assistant Fisheries Inspector, Roscommon for the lower River Suck 087 2266735**

**ShRFB reports for Mark Egan Athlone Bait Stockist, Accommodation Provider Email: [info@shannonsidehouse.com](mailto:info@shannonsidehouse.com) Website [www.shannonsidehouse.com](http://www.shannonsidehouse.com) Tel: 090 64 94773 Mob 087 8517299 - the River Shannon and Inny ATHLONE area.**

No anglers about this week in the Athlone area - no feedback.

**ShRFB reports for INNY BAY B&B - fishing at TOM FOXES ANGLING STRETCH and lower RIVER INNY Tom Foxe Mob: 087 9960173 for enquiries and boat hire**

There's not a lot of angling activity presently. A few good hybrids are being caught in the late evening time into nightfall down from the mouth of the Inny at the back of the gravel pit. Perch seem to be plentiful with good sized fish reported caught by pleasure anglers. A UK angler fished the Canal at Abbeyshrule with some reasonable results.

**Dermot Killeen Shannonbridge Tel 090 96 74112 Email:**  
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**Shannonbridge Fishing Report ...Dated 12th June 2007.**

News that the local power plant has closed for some six weeks to carry out repairs means that there will be no hot water flowing. The level of the River Shannon at the marker board near the village bridge is 2.24 metres. Mike and Chris Compton from Cheltenham fished the River Brosna and the Hot Water for a week catching Roach and hybrids using maggot and corn. Bags of about ten pounds with a best bag of 15 lbs. Dennis Long from Sheffield also fished the Shannon on 11th June and used a feeder and whip to catch 16 lbs of Roach. Best one weighed 1.5 lbs. Charlie Russell from Sheffield fished the Shannon on 11<sup>th</sup> June and used a waggler to catch 17 lbs. of Roach. Best fish weighed 1.75 lbs. Kevin O'Hare from Sheffield fished with his pals and used pole and red maggot to catch 10 lbs. of Roach. All four found that the swims fished better on the second day. Kathleen Feeley from Biggleswade fished the Shannon on 11th June on a very hot day. Using 3 red maggot / corn the 13 year old had some decent sized Rudd up to 10 ozs. Shaun Prout used a purple / silver lure to catch 10 perch at the power plant. Keith Boulter from Reading fished the Shannon on 8<sup>th</sup> June using red maggot and a feeder to catch 15 lbs. of fair sized roach and hybrids. Best early morning and evening. Barrie Sayers from Crawley fished on the River Suck on 8<sup>th</sup> June in sunshine. Using red maggot and feeder he had a 5 lbs. Tench in a 30 lbs. bag of nice Tench and hybrids. Found it fished all day close in. Gary Smith of Ballyduff, Shannonbridge fished the Hot Water on 25<sup>th</sup> May in sunshine. Using red maggot he caught 12 Bream to 4 lbs., and 6 Tench to 5.75 lbs. Average Bream 2.5 lbs. Garry also fished the Hot Water on 1st June and caught 12 Tench from 3 lbs. to 5.75 lbs. The local anglers were fishing in the evenings to dark and catching good Roach over the pound and hybrids in the 2 lbs. to 3 lbs. range. Andrew Braddox from Sheffield fished on the Shannon on 11th June on a good day. Using a feeder he caught a 27 lbs. bag of mostly hybrids, some to 2 lbs.

**Mick Flanagan, Angling Correspondent for the Westmeath Topic and Sunday World Newspaper Tel: 087 2797270: [mick@midlandangling.com](mailto:mick@midlandangling.com) reports on Midland Lakes & Rivers.**

#### **SIMONSTOWN ANGLING PARK....**

This little gem situated at Simonscross Gaybrook is well worth a trip at present. Extensive stocking of Carp has taken place over the past two years and this week some super Tench were stocked. The Tench are being removed from Lough Owel at present by the ShR.F.B. and they are in mint condition and what I've seen going into Simonstown were well over the 3 lbs. mark. The lake itself is crystal clear and it can be quite a challenge to hook- up with some of the Simonstown Carp. This is a private lake and you must pre book in advance before fishing. Day and evening tickets are quite reasonable. There is an angling shelter on site and picnic area if you fancy bringing the kids for a few hours fishing. Contact 087-2217820.

#### **MULLINGAR COARSE ANGLERS....**

Next Sunday Mullingar coarse anglers are holding an evening competition on the Royal canal. Fishing is from 4pm to 9pm and you can check-in at Mary Lynches at 2-15pm. All members will be contacted later in the week regarding the match stretch to be fished. New members are more than welcome to going on the day and fish the competition. More on this contact Keith Glennon on 087-3686071.

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**Alice Murtagh** reports:

**Dave Houghton** reports:

Stena Line Challenge Festival  
Gowna and Carrigallen. 40 anglers

NOTTINGHAM matchman Keith Greensmith rounded off a great fortnight's holiday in Ireland by winning the Stena Challenge Festival and pocketing £1,500.

The 58-year-old retired floor layer from Calverton steamrolled his way to poll position by winning his section on the first four days, including one day as the outright winner and on as overall runner-up.

It meant that he had 10 kilos to spare going into the final day and for Keith, that meant fishing on the 'swings' section of Dernaferst Shore at Gowna.

But he got a duff peg and with 10 anglers all in with a reasonable chance of catching him, it was a nervous six hours in baking hot sunshine and not a ripple in sight.

He kept his head, sticking to the pole between 11 and 13 metres (which had produced all his fish during the week) to catch 3.700 of small roach, hybrids and skimmers, on single caster and bits of worm.

The first day he had 9.420 on Corfree Shore, next he got 11.300 on Kevin's stretch of Rosduff Lake, then 8.500 on Tessa's stretch of Rosduff, followed by his best catch – 20.700 – on the shallow waters of Gulladoo Lake on the outskirts of Carrigallen.

It was hard work in the incredibly hot sunshine but Keith stuck to his game plan with the pole, feeding various mixes of Dynamite groundbaits, part of 36 bags he won earlier this year when he got a first in the Ivan Marks Memorial with 14 bream for 64 lbs.

And Keith was certain he must have more than covered his expenses for he got second spot in the Gowna Over 50's Festival the week before the Stena event, fishing almost the same venues, with a 48 kilos total.

Former Leigh tackle dealer Baz Smith – now living in Fermanagh, Northern Ireland – looked as if he was hunting down the leader from an end peg on the same section.

The 62 year old was down to a fine-tipped half-gramme pole float with maggot over loose fed casters and hemp, to lift 10-500 kilos on the last day, but it was only good enough for third place.

The runner-up prize went to Barnsley's Jim Leach, returning from Ireland for the first time in more than 15 years and slipping back into the mode immediately.

Again, pole gear caught almost all of his fish, though Jim reckoned he had to 'chop and change' baits, working with double red maggot, worm and caster, for his mix of roach, skimmers, hybrids and perch.

He was returning to Yorkshire where his sleeping hours will include a nightmare 40 minute battle with a 12 lbs. pike at Rosduff Lake on the first day. Jim didn't realise that pike were barred and played it ever so carefully on his pole kit for a long time.

"The pike doesn't really matter", he explained, "But I lost a lot of time and perhaps it would have been possible to make up the four kilos or so difference, with that extra time and without the commotion, for my weighed catch that day was nine kilos!"

The Stena Line Challenge was organised by Leisure Angling.

Result: Keith Greensmith, Calverton, 53.540 kilos; 2 Jimmy Leach, Barnsley, 58.660; 3 Baz Smith, Irvinestown, 48.600; 4 Bob Nesbitt, Eastbourne, 46.540; 5 Carl Rowley, Doncaster, 45.700; Save Stewart, Runcorn, 45.060.

Pairs: 1 Kevin Ashurst & Baz Smith, Fermanagh, 93.500 kilos; 2 Kevin Leach and Jimmy Leach, Barnsley, 88.220; 3 Keith Greensmith and Andy Bettison, Calverton, 86.420.

Day winners: (1) Bob Nesbitt, Eastbourne, 15.300 (2) Carl Rowley, Doncaster, 11.800 (3) Jimmy Leach, Barnsley, 19-160 (4) Keith Greensmith, Calverton, 20.700 (5) Mick Smith, Leeds, 11.920

See Photo of Baz Smith with a nice catch on our website at [http://www.cfb.ie/fishing\\_in\\_ireland/update/coarse\\_angling.htm](http://www.cfb.ie/fishing_in_ireland/update/coarse_angling.htm)

## **PIKE ANGLING**

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**June 13th, 2007**

## **MID SHANNON AREA**

**ShRFB reports for the RIVER SUCK VALLEY - Mid River Suck**

A party of five French anglers led by their guide Patrick are fishing along the River Suck and River Shannon around Lanesboro. This is their fifth day and results are positive by all accounts. We will catch up on this group for next weeks report.

**Further local info contact Mr John Ryan, Assistant Fisheries Inspector  
Tel: 094 96 40103 and John Devaney, Assistant Fisheries Inspector,  
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**The ShRFB reports for Ray Duthie Old Forge Banagher, Bait Stockist,  
Tackle and ACCOMMODATION PROVIDER Tel: 057 9151504.  
BANAGHER area this week.**

Pike angling was not as lively as in past weeks along the mid Shannon due to the very bright sunshine. The best reported pike of 26 lbs. caught last week was by Tullamore angler Mark at Mickies pond.

### **ATHLONE ANGLERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

report courtesy of Eamon Cunningham P.R.O. Athlone Anglers Association  
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### **FISHING RESUMES WITH THE POYNTONIA CUP ....**

Fishing got back underway last Sunday when the first of three Pike competitions, the Poyntonia Cup, took place on Lough Ree. I am currently away on holidays so I will update all the results on my return and this also means that the Text Messaging Service will be suspended for the next couple of weeks but in the meantime the following are the upcoming competitions. The Deceased Members Memorial Cup will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June; this will be a Pike competition and will take place down river. The start will be from the white bridge at 10 am and will finish back at the Lock Gates at 5.30 pm and the presentation of prizes will be in Fiddler's Bar. The Harp Lager Cup will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June also down river with the start again at the white bridge at 10 am and finish at the lock gates at 5.30pm and the presentation of prizes will be in Beaumonts. The Captains' locations and contact numbers will be notified to anglers on the morning of each competition.

### **SHANNON CLEANUP DAY....**

The Shannon clean up day last Saturday was a great success with anglers from all the local clubs taking part and up to a hundred bags of rubbish was removed from the river bank not to mention various bicycles, prams and buggies etc. A big thank you to everyone who helped out and it is hoped to carry out a similar exercise in early September in order to maintain the river. The judging for the Tidy Towns Competition is coming up shortly so hopefully all the hard work will pay dividends and the town will score well.

### **FOR YOUR DIARY...**

The following is the schedule of competitions that it is proposed to hold over the next few weeks. Please note this list may change due to unforeseen circumstances, however the details of each competition will be published in the local newspaper, on the posters, the [www.athlone.ie](http://www.athlone.ie) website and sent out to members by text message in the week prior to each competition.

- June 17th – Deceased Members Cup – Pike, down river.

- June 24th – Harp Lager Cup – Pike, down river.

**ShRFB reports for INNY BAY B&B - fishing at TOM FOXES ANGLING STRETCH and lower RIVER INNY**

Pike fishing not as lively due to the bright weather.

**Dermot Killeen Shannonbridge Tel 090 96 74112 Email: [derry.killeen@gmail.com](mailto:derry.killeen@gmail.com) reports for SHANNONBRIDGE area**

**Shannonbridge Fishing Report ...Dated 12th June 2007.**

Uwe Suchland from Berlin fished with a wobbler in the sunshine on June 8th and caught a pike of 54 cm. Matthias Kramm from Berlin also fished the Shannon and recorded catching a pike of 51 cm on 8th June 2007. Rudiger Frost from Germany used a wobbler when fishing the Shannon on 8<sup>th</sup> June. He caught eight pike to 65 cm. Andy Prout from Hull fished on the Shannon for week ending 8<sup>th</sup> June. He caught 15 pike using plug baits and advises to fish the sides. On 3rd June Gary fished the Hot Water using a dead roach and caught two pike in the 12 lbs. range and loads of small pike.

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**DERRAVARAGH PIKE COMPETITION....**

Next Sunday June 17th Lough Derravaragh Anglers will hold their annual family day out, fishing is from 1pm - 5pm with start and finish Donore Shore. Up for grabs on the day is the McGowan Cup for senior anglers and the Mergon Cup for junior anglers. After the presentation there will be a barbecue taking place at Donore Shore at Paul Smith lake shore cafe. Paul has a limited number of boats and engines for hire that day so you are advised to book in advance. Or contact Sally Meehan 044-93-71152.

**LOUGH OWEL COMPETITION....**

On Sunday June 17th Lough Owel Trout Preservation Association host their annual club all species competition. The Glen Owel Cup for the heaviest pike caught is the main senior prize. Fishing is from 11am - 7pm. Boat and Engine hire Jack Doolan 044-93- 42085.

**SEA ANGLING**

**Eastern Region:** Web: <http://www.fishingireland.net/>  
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**Boat Name: James Owen**

Mitchell 31'. 130 HP Ford

**Skipper:** Pat Rankin

**Base:** Dundalk **Operational area:** 30 miles out.

**Notes:** Reef, tope and general inshore fishing.

**Address:** Castletown Mount, Dundalk, Co. Louth  
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Matthew Murray from Colngriffen, Dublin was fishing for tope for the first time in **Dundalk Bay** with a group of anglers fishing with skipper Pat Rankin last weekend. The group caught four tope including a huge Tope of 64 lbs. for Matthew. The big fish, two pounds under the Irish record was quickly weighed, tagged and released. Matthew has won our Catch of the Week and our **Catch of the Month** in conjunction with RTE Radio 1 programme Seascapes hosted by Marine correspondent Tom MacSweeney. You can check out the Photo of this lovely fish on our website at [www.cfb.ie](http://www.cfb.ie) and on the Seascapes website at <http://www.rte.ie/radio1/seascapes/1144606.html>

### **South Western Region:**

#### **Boat Name: Harpy**

Aquastar 43'. 428 HP Volvo

**Skipper:** Willem-Jan van Dijk

**Base:** Kinsale **Operational area:** 30 miles out of Kinsale

**Address:** Kinsale Deep Sea Angling, Killowney, Old Head, Kinsale, Co. Cork.

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A party of Dutch anglers were out deep sea fishing with skipper Willem Van Dijk out from Kinsale last Tuesday. The weather was poor to start off but in the early afternoon, there was a calm spell and Willem brought the anglers out further drifting for Blue Shark. One Female Blue Shark of 55 lbs. (approx) was captured by Jan de Graaf from Mijerecht in Holland about 5 N/M South of Old head of Kinsale. The fish was quickly unhooked, Photographed and tagged and then put back. See Photo of Jan with the Blue Shark on our website at [http://www.cfb.ie/fishing\\_in\\_ireland/update/sea\\_angling.htm](http://www.cfb.ie/fishing_in_ireland/update/sea_angling.htm) This was the first Blue Shark of the season reported to us in 2007 and incredibly, Jan also caught the first Blue Shark ten years ago here in Ireland in 1997!!! Well done, Jan and may you always enjoy catching these great fish in Ireland for many years more.

### **Paul Harris reports from the Beara Peninsula**

Steady shore fishing all week here on the Beara with our UK guests catching a variety of targeted species. Plenty of pollack now inshore with a lot of fish in the 2 to 4 pound range with the odd better fish to 6 pounds. Feathers taking the quantity but Storm sandeels or the real thing accounting for the better fish. Some nice wrasse to four pounds on float fished crab and huss to 7 pounds on squid or mackerel. Best bait for the thornies has been fresh mackerel (plenty in the bay now) with sandeel running it a close second. Prospects for the coming week are very good.

Anyone looking for information on fishing on the Beara can contact me at [dromagowlanehouse@eircom.net](mailto:dromagowlanehouse@eircom.net) or ring me on 027 60330. Web site [www.dromagowlanehouse.com](http://www.dromagowlanehouse.com)

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E Mail: [info@shannon-fishery-board.ie](mailto:info@shannon-fishery-board.ie)

**Brian McManus** reports:

**Boat Name: Clare Dragoon**

LOCHIN 366, 650HP.

**Skipper:** Luke Aston

**Licence:** 1110 **Expires:** July 2007

**Base:** Carrigaholt **Operational Area:** 30 miles form base.

**Address:** Rahona, Carrigaholt, Co. Clare.

**Telephone:** +353 65 9058209 or +353 87 6367544

**Email:** [email](mailto:email) **Web:** [www.fishandstay.com](http://www.fishandstay.com)

**REPORT TO JUNE 13th....**

**Whitefish putting on some size!**

What a glorious week! I had a lucky group of Germans over for 6 days fishing and each day was better than the next. Then 2 day charters this weekend and the temperature in the middle of the afternoon hit 37'C. The fishing had been going well all week and the average fish size seems to be improving with lots of Pollock to 8 lbs. and some Cod up to 11 lbs. Fish were plenty full on the ground and one day produced 7 Tope in 2 hours. We also had 700 lbs. of Whitefish in a day with a lot of them returned but the freezer was also well stocked for the group on board. Conger were a little harder to hook up and indeed as the weather got very hot and still over the weekend the fishing slowed down. Mackerel got very hard to get at Loop Head with the shoals moving more into the estuary. These were replaced by shoals of big sand eels which make great bait. The Pollock also got harder to catch but we turned up some fine Cod and a couple of Pouting to 2.7 lbs.